

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 97-361

June 9, 1998

U.S. LONG DISTANCE, INC.  
Application for Approval of  
Petition for a Certificate of  
Public Convenience

ORDER DISMISSING, WITHOUT  
PREJUDICE, APPLICATION  
FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC  
CONVENIENCE

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT, Commissioner

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On June 10, 1997, the Commission received the application of U.S. Long Distance, Inc. (USLD or the Company) to provide service as an interexchange carrier in the State of Maine. On November 7, 1997, USLD notified the Commission that it had been acquired by LCI International, Inc. and requested that the Commission postpone acting on the application until it determined whether or not LCI wished to provide interexchange service in Maine using the USLD brand name. In addition to the acquisition issue, USLD's proposed tariff failed to include any of the consumer protection provisions required by the Commission's rules and/or Maine statutes. On March 27, 1998, LCI itself was acquired by Qwest Communications International, Inc. Commission Staff contacted USLD by phone on April 6, 1998 and requested an update on the pending application. To date, USLD has not replied. Therefore, the Commission dismisses USLD's petition without prejudice. This Order does not preclude USLD from filing a new application to provide interexchange services in the future.

By this Order the Commission dismisses, without prejudice, USLD's application to provide interexchange telecommunications service in Maine.

Dated: June 9, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: WELCH  
NUGENT

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2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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